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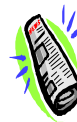
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INFORMATION



NEWS RELEASES/ MEDIA ADVISORY

PROGRAM INFORMATION BULLETINS

Program Information Bulletin No. P03-29

Issue Date: December 29, 2003

Subject: Quarterly Directives Index Fourth Quarter - CY 2003

Program Information Bulletin No. P04-1

Issue Date: January 13, 2004

Subject: Crushing Hazard on Battery-powered Scoops

Program Information Bulletin No. P04-5

Issue Date: January 27, 2004

Subject: Basis for Assigning a P-Code for Noise Overexposures

Program Information Bulletin No. P04-7

Issue Date: February 11, 2004

Subject: Immediate Notification of Accidents and Written Reporting Requirements

Program Information Bulletin No. P04-8

Issue Date: February 13, 2004

Subject: Approval Numbers on 1011F Series Deutz Corporation Diesel Engines

News Release No. 04-03

Release Date: January 6, 2004

Subject: MSHA Reports Mining Industry Sets Best Safety Record Since 1910

News Release

Release Date: January 20, 2004

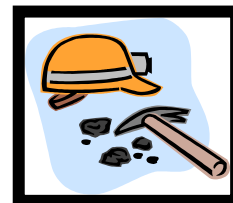
Subject: MSHA and International Union of Operating Engineers Sign Alliance Agreement

Media Advisory

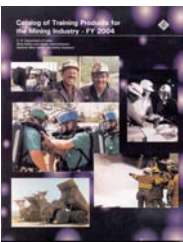
Release Date: February 17, 2004

Subject: Mine Safety Workshops Available in 38 States and Puerto Rico

Copies of the Program Information Bulletins and News Releases/Media Advisory are available, by contacting Cindy Kinard (205) 290-7296, ext. 225; fax (205) 290-7299 or on MSHA's Homepage at www.msha.gov



Diesel Particulate



Comment Period Opened

The Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure of Underground Metal and Nonmetal Miners – Proposed Rule has been reopened for comments on the following:

Document 1 – The Effectiveness of Selected Technologies in Controlling Diesel Emissions in an Underground Mine –Isolated Zone Study at Stillwater Mining Company's Nye Mine

Document 2 – Respirator Usage in Private Sector Firms, 2001

Document 3 – Counsel of MARG Diesel Coalition (Compilation of three documents)

Comments must be received by **April 5, 2004**. Comments can be submitted via the internet, e-mail, fax or mail.

To obtain these documents you can visit MSHA's website at www.msha.gov under News (in the center of the page). Copies can also be requested by contacting Cindy Kinard at (205) 290-7296, ext. 225; e-mail: Kinard.cindy@dol.gov

Joseph A. Holmes Scholarship Program

The Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association endeavors to promote health and safety within the mining industry. Providing financial aid to students in the pursuit of education related to mining safety results in safer mines and healthier environments within the mining industry. To that end, the Scholarship Program has been instituted and the Scholarship Mining Committee has been formed. Applications must be submitted by April 15, 2004 to qualify.

Application requirements for the Scholarship Program and the application form can be viewed at: www.msha.gov/programs/jahscholarship/jahscholarship.asp You can also request a copy of the information and application by contacting Cindy Kinard at (205) 290-7296, ext. 225; e-mail: Kinard.cindy@dol.gov

Catalog of Training Products for the Mining Industry – FY 2004

The FY 2004 Training Products catalog is now available from MSHA's National Mine Health and Safety Academy. The catalog includes products such as:

- ❖ Multimedia Training Materials
- ❖ Training Materials
- ❖ Pocket Cards
- ❖ NIOSH Materials
- ❖ Informational Reports
- ❖ Historical Materials

If you would like a copy of this catalog you can contact our Academy at (304) 256-3257; e-mail:

MSHADistributionCenter@dol.gov or contact Cindy Kinard at (205) 290-7296, ext. 225; e-mail: kinard.cindy@dol.gov



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Examples of Materials
Supporting Noise
Control Effectiveness

This document provides a preliminary list of background materials supporting noise control effectiveness. It is available through the FOIA Reading Room.

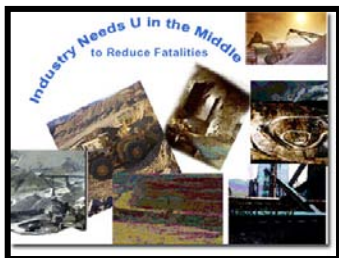
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Metal/Nonmetal Fatal Accident Review

This 13-slide program addresses the fatal accidents that occurred in 2003 at metal and nonmetal mines. Included is information on accident classifications, ages, and mining experience for the 26 fatalities that occurred last year.

It is available in four formats: HTML Version, PowerPoint Presentation, PowerPoint Show, PDF Version.

You can access this program by going to <http://www.msha.gov/stats/review/2003/2003review.asp>



Metal/ Nonmetal Webcast

On January 22, 2004, MSHA conducted a Web Cast Presentation titled: Industry Needs U in the Middle to Reduce Fatalities.

The Web Cast script and PowerPoint presentation are available by going to: www.msha.gov/webcasts/mnm2004/mnmwebcast20040122.htm

Most Frequently Cited Standards



In an effort to assist mining operations in their compliance efforts, MSHA has provided a list of the most frequently cited standards by mine type for 2003. Compliance tips for some items are provided. Others will be provided in the near future. As compliance tips become available, a blue check mark will appear beside the standard number to allow the user to link to the appropriate tip. To access this site go to: www.msha.gov/stats/top20viols/top20home.htm



SCSR Interactive Training Module

A new interactive training course has been added for the CSE SR-100 Self Contained Self Rescuer (SCSR). Additional SCSR's will be added to this site as they become available.

To access the site go to www.msha.gov/interactivetraining.htm Then scroll down to "SCSR Training"





New Search Feature added to Data Retrieval System

MSHA has added the "Extended Mine Search Page" as part of the Data Retrieval System. The new search feature will enable the user to search for information on all mines in a particular state, county, or district by commodity.

You can access the new search options by going to Quick Links (on left side of home page) then click on Data Retrieval Systems



Alerts and Hazards

The following alerts and hazards have been released and can be found at www.msha.gov under Equipment Hazard Alerts:

- ✓ Volvo Construction Equipment Alert
- ✓ Joy Mining Machinery

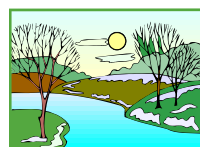
To receive copies of the above-listed information, please contact Cindy Kinard at (205) 290-7296, ext. 225; e-mail: kinard.cindy@dol.gov

30 CFR Part 50

The PC7014 Report of 30 CFR Part 50 is available on-line. This report may assist persons filing MSHA forms 7000-1 Mine Accident, Injury and Illness Report and 7000-2 Quarterly Mine Employment and Coal Production Report.

*To get this report go to "What's New" on MSHA's Homepage or go to:
www.msha.gov/stats/part50/rptonpart50.pdf*

Meetings/Workshops/ Seminars



Spring Thaw Workshops

The following MSHA and National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association workshops are scheduled in the Southeast:

March 2, 2004 – Sumiton, AL
March 3, 2004 – Ponce, PR
March 10, 2004 – Sandersville, GA
March 16, 2004 – Lexington, KY
March 16, 2004 – Graniteville, SC
March 18, 2004 – Murfreesboro, TN

To view the agendas and registration form please go to: www.msha.gov/DISTRICT/MNM/SEDIST/se-springthawregistration.pdf
Or for additional information, please contact Cindy Kinard at (205) 290-7296, ext. 225; e-mail: kinard.cindy@dol.gov

*A list of the workshops held throughout the nation can be viewed at:
<http://www.msha.gov/events/mnm-2004springthawflyer.pdf>*



Pulverized Fuel Systems: Design and Safety Considerations

This one-day seminar is sponsored by MSHA's Southeastern District and organized through partnerships with Portland Cement Association, MSHA Technical Support and Alsom Power, Incorporated. Agenda items include:

- ✓ Fire & Explosion Characteristics of Coal
- ✓ General Description of the Cement Making Process
- ✓ Characteristics of Direct, Semi-Direct, and Indirect Systems
- ✓ MSHA Investigations of Explosions
- ✓ Safety Standards/ Recommended Guidelines
- ✓ Operating Procedures
- ✓ Fire Detection & suppression

Registration will begin at 7:30 on March 9, 2004 at the Holiday Inn in Atlanta, Georgia. There is no cost to attend the seminar.

Hotel Information: Holiday Inn
1380 Virginia Avenue
Atlanta, GA
(404) 762-8411

Ask for a room reserved for the MSHA Coal-Fired Kiln Seminar. Room rates are \$99.00 per night, plus tax.

For information on registering for this seminar, please contact Harry Verdier at (205) 290-7296, ext. 223



MSHA INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION CLASSES

MSHA Instructor Certification Classes are available to interested persons, **free-of-charge**.

The three-day classes are scheduled on an as-needed basis when the number of requests supports a class of at least 10 attendees. The next class is scheduled for **April 6-8, 2004** in **Birmingham, Alabama**. This program will prepare experienced mine employees to conduct safety training mandated by the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act. Upon completion of the program, each experienced miner participant will be certified by MSHA as an approved instructor to conduct mandated miner safety training.

For additional information, or to enroll in this program, please contact Connie Carmichael; (205) 290-7296, ext. 229; fax: (205) 290-7299

MSHA Instructors Courses in Florida

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection will be conducting instructor training classes.

Week 1 – April 19-23, 2004

Week 2 – May 3-7, 2004

Attendees must have at least 3 years mining experience. Pre-registration is required. Week 1 must be successfully completed to be eligible to attend Week 2. For additional information, please contact Rusty Alday at (850) 921-8093.



North Carolina Institute/Conference

The North Carolina Department of Labor – Mine & Quarry Bureau will be conducting the following:

Part 48 Instructor Institute

March 8-12, 2004

Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, NC

North Carolina Department of Labor Mine Safety & Health Conference

April 15-16, 2004

North Raleigh Hilton
Raleigh, NC

For information on these events,
please contact William Gerringer at
(919) 807-2790, e-mail:
wgerringer@mail.dol.state.nc.us



Holmes Safety Council Meetings

The Middle Georgia Council will meet Thursday, April 15, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Imerys Lake Franklin clubhouse in Deepstep, Georgia. The meeting is sponsored by Imerys Pigments and Additives. Russell Riner, Washington County Emergency Management Director is scheduled to speak on emergency preparedness at mine sites.

For additional information, please contact Lind Veal at (478) 553-2149.

The Central Alabama Council will meet Thursday, March 11, 2004 at Wade Sand and Gravel, Birmingham, Alabama. The meeting time is 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. For additional information, please contact Wayne Young at (334) 227-4413

2004 Joint National Mine Safety Meeting

The Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association, Mine Safety Institute of America, and National Association of State Mine Inspection & Training Agencies are holding a joint national meeting **June 20-24, 2004** at Oglebay Park in **Wheeling, West Virginia**.

For reservations, please call (800) 624-6988. A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the rate of \$79.00. Reservations should be made by April 21, 2004.

For additional information on this meeting and Holmes Safety please visit the www.holmessafety.org website.

Holmes Safety Council information is posted on the Southeastern District website on MSHA's Homepage. To find out how to contact the Council nearest you, or to check on meeting dates for Holmes Safety or other up-coming events in the Southeast, please visit our site at:
www.msha.gov/DI STRICT/MNM/SEDI ST/SE HOME.HTM

If you would like to help establish a Council in your area, or become a member of a Council, please contact Michael Davis at (205) 290-7294 or e-

mail: davis.michaelA@dol.gov

Holmes Safety Council Builders Needed

Plans to establish up to nine additional Holmes Safety Councils throughout Florida are in the making. The proposed areas are: Pensacola, Marianna, Lake City, Green Cove Springs, Ocala, Brooksville, Melbourne, West Palm Beach, and Fort Myers.

If you would like to help start a Council in one of these areas, please contact Rusty Alday at (850) 921-8093; e-mail: Rusty.Alday@dep.state.fl.us



ACADEMY CLASSES

The following classes are available through MSHA's Mine Health and Safety Academy located in Beckley, West Virginia:

Accident Prevention Techniques*

3 days, scheduled upon request

Technical Coordinator: **Kenneth Scott**

Tuition: **\$231.00**

Advanced Ventilation/Bleeder and Gob Ventilation Systems*

2 days, scheduled upon request

Technical Coordinator: **Scott Mandeville**

Tuition: **\$154.00**

Blasting (Underground)*

September 8-9, 2004 (2 days)

Technical Coordinator: **Wayne Lively**

Tuition: **\$154.00**

Electrical Safety for Metal/Nonmetal Miners

July 27-28, 2004 (2 days)

September 28-29, 2004 (2 days)

Technical Coordinator: **Roy Milam**

Tuition: **\$154.00**

Ground Control Hazards*

3 days, scheduled upon request

Technical Coordinator: **Tom Bonifacio**

Tuition: **\$231.00**

Haulage (Surface)

September 14-16, 2004 (3 days)

Technical Coordinator: **John Tyler**

Tuition: **\$231.00**

Hazard Communication (HazCom)

1 day, scheduled upon request

Technical Coordinators: **Tom Bonifacio,**

William McKinney, John Tyler

Tuition: **\$77.00**

Hoists and Elevators*

September 28-30, 2004 (3 days)

Technical Coordinator: **Joseph Fama**

Tuition: **\$231.00**

Industrial Hygiene*

August 31- September 2, 2004 (3 days)

Technical Coordinator: **William McKinney**

Tuition: **\$231.00**

Industrial Hygiene: Sampling for Respirable Silica Dust and Noise*

Only offered on site

Technical Coordinator: **William McKinney**

Tuition: **\$250.00 per student**

Instructor Training Workshop (Part 48)

3 days, 4 days with first aid

May 10-13, 2004

August 2-5, 2004

All dates include one day First Aid Instructor Training

Technical Coordinator: **Kenneth Scott**

Tuition: **\$231.00 (3 days)**

\$308.00 (4 days w/First Aid)

Introduction to Mining*

September 28-30, 2004 (3 days)

Technical Coordinator: **Jimmy Shumate**

Tuition: **\$231.00**

Mine Accident Investigation Techniques*

May 18-20, 2004 (3 days)

Technical Coordinator: **Kenneth Scott**

Tuition: **\$231.00**

**Mine Construction, Maintenance, and Repairs
Safety**

August 17-18, 2004 (3 days)

September 28-29, 2004 (3 days)

Technical Coordinator: **Tom Bonifacio**

Tuition: **\$154.00**

**Mine Elevator Inspection Program Training –
Module I***

3 days, scheduled upon request

Technical Coordinator: **Roy Milam**

Tuition: **\$231.00**

Mine Rescue Training

1 day, available on request

Technical Coordinator: **David Friley**

Tuition: \$77.00 (may be waived for mine rescue team members)

Noise Hazards, Regulation, and Control*

3 days scheduled upon request

Technical Coordinator: **William McKinney**

Tuition: **\$231.00**

Respirable Dust and Silica Sampling and Control*

3 days, scheduled upon request

Technical Coordinator: **William McKinney**

Tuition: **\$231.00**

Roof Control for Miners*

1 day, scheduled upon request Technical

Coordinator: **John Rosiek**

Tuition: \$77.00

Slope and Shaft Sinking Safety

April 13-14, 2004 (2 days)

June 8-9, 2004 (2 days)

Technical Coordinator: **Ed Newcomb**

Tuition: **\$154.00**

Surface Facilities and Coal Preparation

3 days, scheduled upon request

Technical Coordinators: **Clifford Lindsay,
John Tyler**

Tuition: **\$231.00**

**Tailing Dam and Waste Pile Inspection –
Metal/Nonmetal***

3 days, scheduled upon request

Technical Coordinator: **Clifford Lindsay**

Tuition: **\$231.00**

Underground Diesel Equipment/Ventilation

April 13-15, 2004 (3 days)

August 24-26, 2004 (3 days)

Technical Coordinator: **Scott Mandeville**

Tuition: **\$231.00**

Underground Ventilation for M/NM Mines*

2 days, available on request

Technical Coordinators: **Scott Mandeville, Rocky
McKinney**

Tuition: **\$154.00**

***Scheduling at worksite available upon request.**

Workshops/Seminars

*The following workshops/seminars are
scheduled in 2004 at the National Mine
Health and Safety Academy:*

**Mine Construction, Maintenance, and Repairs
Safety Workshop**

April 13-15, 2004 (3 days)

Technical Coordinator: **Tom Bonifacio**

Tuition: **None**

Surface Haulage Safety Seminar

March 9-11, 2004 (2 ½ days)

Technical Coordinator: **Wayne Lively**

Tuition: **None**

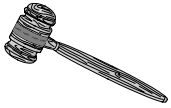
TRAM/National Mine Instructors Seminar

October 12-14, 2004 (2-1/2 days)

Technical Coordinator: **Sharon Casto**

Tuition: **None**

**For additional information on these classes or
workshops, please contact the technical
coordinator at (304) 256-3100 or to enroll
please call (304) 256-3252; fax: (304) 256-**



Rulemaking

Asbestos Exposure Limit – Proposed Rule

Stage - Advance notice of proposed rulemaking published March 29, 2002. A notice of change to public meetings was published April 18, 2002. Advance notice of proposed rule making comment period ended June 27, 2002. Notice of proposed rulemaking is expected May, 2004.

Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure of Underground Metal and Nonmetal Miners –

MSHA published final rule on January 19, 2001 that established an interim concentration limit of 400 micrograms of total carbon per cubic meter of air that became applicable July 20, 2002, and a final concentration limit of 160 micrograms to become applicable after January 19, 2006. The rule has been legally challenged and settlement negotiations with litigants have resulted in further regulatory action on several requirements in the January 19, 2001 final rule. As a result of partial settlement, MSHA published two documents in the Federal Register on July 5, 2001. One delayed the effective date of §57.5066(b). The second was a proposed rule to clarify § 57.5066(b)(1) and (b)(2) and to add a new paragraph (b)(3) to 57.5067. The final rule on these issues was published February 27, 2002, and became effective March 29, 2002. MSHA agreed to reenter rulemaking on several other provisions. The following constituted the basis for new rulemaking:

§57.5060(a) and (b) – changing the diesel particulate matter surrogate from total carbon to elemental carbon for both the interim and final concentration limits;

§57.5060(d) – permitting miners to work in areas where diesel particulate matter exceeds the applicable concentration limits;

§57.5060(e) – prohibiting the use of personal protective equipment to comply with the concentration limits;

§57.5060(f) – prohibiting the use of administrative controls to comply with the

concentration limits;

§57.5061(b) – changing reference of total carbon to elemental carbon;

§57.5061(c) – deleting reference to “area” and “occupational” sampling for compliance;

§57.5062 – addressing the diesel particulate matter control plan.

Advance notice of proposed rulemaking was published September 25, 2002. Comment period ended November 25, 2002.

Proposed rule published August 14, 2003 revises existing diesel particulate matter interim concentration limit measured by total carbon to a comparable permissible exposure limit measured by elemental carbon. Rule establishes dates and locations of public hearings. Comment period closed October 14, 2003.

Proposed rule; notice of public hearings; close of comment period published August 26, 2003. Rule announced the addition of a fourth public hearing to receive comment on the proposed rule.

Rulemaking published December 22, 2003 addressing the following provisions:

57.5060(a) - propose to change existing DPM surrogate to elemental carbon; propose that a single personal sample of miner's exposure would be adequate basis for MSHA compliance determinations; and propose current hierarchy of controls that MSHA applies in its existing exposure based health standards for abating violations.

57.5060(c) – Propose to adapt to interim limit the existing provisions that allows miner operators to apply to the Secretary for additional time to come into compliance with the final concentration limit. MSHA also agreed to propose to include consideration of economic feasibility, and to allow for annual renewals of such special extensions.

57.5060(d) – This existing provision permits

miners to engage in certain activities in concentrations exceeding the interim and final limits upon application and approval from the Secretary.

57.5060(e) – MSHA agreed to propose to remove the existing prohibition on the use of personal protective equipment.

57.5060(f) – MSHA agreed to remove the prohibition on the use of administrative controls.

57.5061(b) – MSHA is proposing to change the reference from “total carbon” to “elemental carbon”

57.50601(c) – MSHA is proposing to delete the references to “area” and “occupational” sampling for compliance.

57.5062 – MSHA agreed to propose revisions to the existing diesel control plan. Final action is expected in March, 2004.

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Proposed rule was reopened for comments on February 20, 2004 *on the following:*

- The Effectiveness of Selected Technologies in Controlling Diesel Emissions in an Underground Mine –Isolated Zone Study at Stillwater Mining Company's Nye Mine
- Respirator Usage in Private Sector Firms, 2001
- CCounsel of MARG Diesel Coalition (Compilation of three documents)

Comments must be received by April 5, 2004.

Focused Inspections – Withdrawn August 28, 2003.

Revising Electrical Product Approval Regulations - Proposed Rule Stage – Notice of proposed rule is expected September, 2004.

Testing and Evaluation by Independent Laboratories and Non-MSHA Product Safety Standards - Completed Action – Final rule effective August 18, 2003.

Training Standards for Shaft and Slope

Construction Workers at Underground Mines
- Proposed Rule Stage – Notice of proposed rule is expected March, 2004.

The Semiannual Regulatory Agenda was published in December 22, 2003. This document contains the agenda of regulations that have been selected for review or development during the coming one-year period. Copies of this document are available upon request and can be obtained by contacting the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances or on MSHA's Homepage or at MSHA's homepage at www.msha.gov

For further information on regulatory subjects please contact Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances; 1100 Wilson Boulevard; Arlington, VA 22209-3939; (202) 693-9440.

INDUSTRY

Congratulations!

Charlie Whitaker was recognized upon his retirement for working over 43 years without a lost time accident or reportable injury. Charlie worked at Vulcan Material's Barin Quarry in **Fortson, Georgia**. He began his employment on November 28, 1960 and retired on February 1, 2004 ... and never missed a day of work! Congratulations, Charlie, and best wishes for a long, healthy, happy retirement.



2003 Sentinels of Safety End of Year Mailers and Verification Letters

MSHA will be sending out end-of-year mailers to all operators to provide them an opportunity to review and add or change injury information. When these are returned to MSHA, verification letters will be sent out to qualifying mines for the 2003 Sentinels of Safety Awards.

To be eligible for this award, your mine must have worked 30,000 hours during the calendar year without a lost-time or fatal accident in the extractive industry (subunits 01 through 06).

If your mine is eligible for this award and you do not receive a verification letter, please contact Dave Blumenstein at (303) 231-5803; e-mail: Blumenstein.paul@dol.gov

This is the lowest number of fatalities on record for any calendar year.

Of the 26 fatalities:

9 were supervisors, foremen, owners (3 of these occurred in the Southeast)

4 were independent contractors working on mine properties (3 of these occurred in the Southeast)

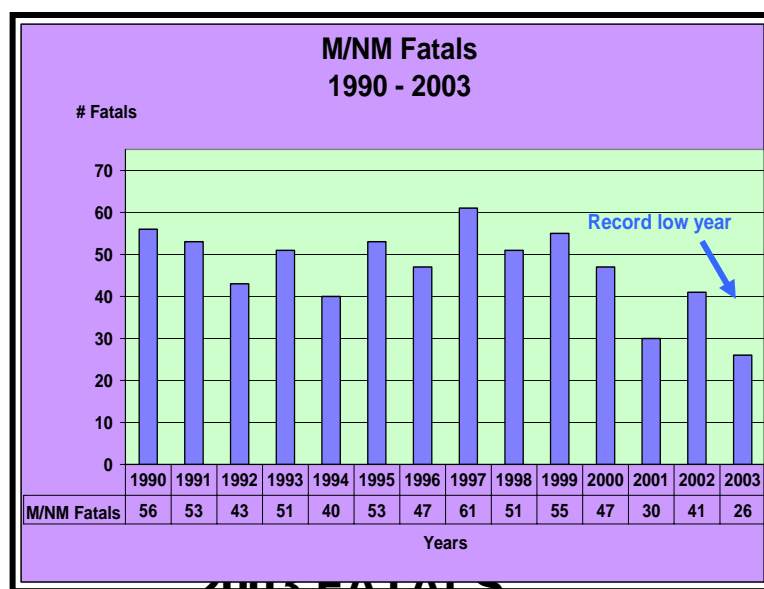
2003 MINING FATALITIES

There were 56 fatalities reported last year:

**26 at metal/nonmetal mines,
30 at coal operations**

Metal and Nonmetal Fatalities from 1990 - 2003

This chart shows the number of fatalities reported at metal and nonmetal mines since 1990.



REPORTED IN SOUTHEAST

The Southeast had eight fatal accidents reported in 2003. Following is information available since the last newsletter was sent out:

September 25, 2003 – update - South Carolina – A 39-year old over-the-road tire technician was using a truck-mounted tire handling crane to position two tires in an upright position against the front tire of a 50-ton haul truck. As he moved the second tire in position, it slipped from the gripping pads, struck the ground, and pinned him against the crane truck. **Cause of Accident** – the tire was not secured by the gripping pads, allowing it to fall, pinning the victim against the service truck. The service truck had been parked too close to the haul truck and the victim was positioned in the constricted area between the two trucks.

October 1, 2003 – Alabama – A 45-year old superintendent was fatally injured while operating a crane to lift a hydraulic power pack. The outrigger pads on the crane were not fully extended at the time of the lift. When the power station was raised and swung toward the left, the crane tipped over on the ground, pinning the victim inside the cab. **Cause of Accident** – the crane was positioned too close to a berm and the outriggers could not be properly set. The weight of the load exceeded the rated lift capacity of the crane with the outrigger configuration used at the time of the accident.

December 20, 2003 – Alabama – a 37-year old haul truck operator was fatally injured when he was caught between the frame and the bed when the bed unexpectedly lowered. The victim had dumped a load of material and pulled

forward about 20 feet with the bed in the raised position. He climbed onto the truck frame to add brake fluid to the master cylinder when the bed came down. **Cause of Accident** – still under investigation.



Safety Ideas for Mining Supervisors “Top 10 List”

- Encourage employees to correct unsafe conditions. Report unsafe conditions they cannot correct.
- Lead by example.
- Task training must be a priority and “focused”
- Use a new-hire orientation checklist.
- Hold safety meetings that are informative and encourage discussion.
- Take “2”. Take 2 minutes to think about the job before you do it. Do not take shortcuts.
- Stop or report unsafe acts.
- Encourage “JSA” – job safety analysis. Think the job through and do it safely.
- Keep the lines of communication open for safety and health concerns.
- Provide on-going inspections and evaluations of workplaces, equipment, and work practices.



2004 Fatals

As of February 27, 2004 there
have been 8 fatalities in the
mining industry:

4 in Metal and Nonmetal

5 in Coal

2004 Fatal in the Southeast

**There has been one fatal reported in the
Southeast, as of February 27, 2004.
Following is available information:**

January 29, 2004 – South Carolina - A 24-year
old contractor employee entered a large transfer
duct and was walking on the crusted surface of
waist-deep hot dust that had accumulated inside.
The material unexpectedly gave way and trapped
the victim in the underlying hot dust, causing fatal
burns. **Cause of Accident** – still under
investigation.



As a Reminder...

Quarterly Employment and
Injury Reports for first
quarter (January - March) are
due to be submitted to Denver
by April 15, 2004.



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7296, ext. 225, fax:
(205) 290-7299; e-mail: kinard.cindy@dol.gov

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*Lexington, Kentucky Field Office
*Macon, Georgia Field Office
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